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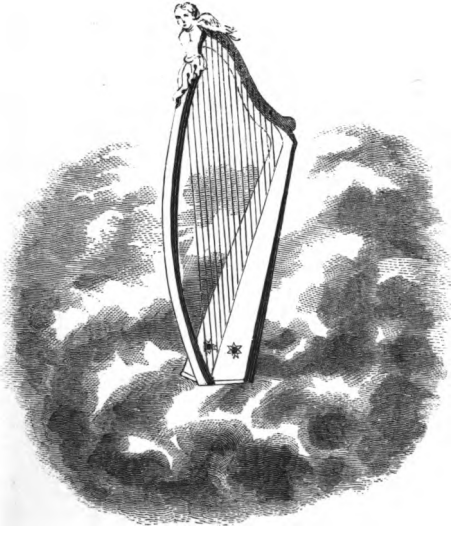

Upon the harp will I praise thee O God, my God.
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PSALM CXIX.

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As when long ago David played with his harp "Saul was refreshed and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him," even so it is now. The harp of David still sounds: composing many an agitated heart; opening many a sullen mind to better feelings, and dispossessing many an evil spirit.

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BRIEF NOTICE OF THE AUTHOR.

The traveller in Eastern lands regards with peculiar interest the well at which preceding adventurers have drank; the tree or rock beneath whose shade they have reclined, or the spot where they have suffered exposure or disasters.

In the pilgrimage of life, there is something quite analogous to this. We love to know what sources of strength and refreshment have been accessible to those who have gone before us, to linger around the place of their conflicts and triumphs, and to

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gaze upon the monuments of their fidelity and constancy. If we can find a book which they have marked, or if we recognise a favourite hymn of their's, or if we have access to the room to which they have been accustomed to resort for meditation and devotion, how naturally and strongly are our religious sympathies awakened thereby!

The diminutive volume the reader has now in hand possesses no inconsiderable measure of the interest to which we allude. It is simply a transcript from the Bible. The one hundred and nineteenth Psalm suggests the topics of meditation, and parallel or illustrative texts are selected from various parts of the sacred volume, to impress and enforce them.

This useful and delightful task was

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self-imposed by the late *Miss Susan Allibone*,—a lady of such rare attainments in the Christian life, and especially of such exemplary submission to the will of God through a long period of weakness and suffering, that we cannot but regard with a sort of reverence such a memento of her spiritual taste and judgment.

To encourage that most laudable and edifying practice of committing Scripture to memory, it may be mentioned that the portions of sacred truth which are cited in the following pages were brought from the storehouse of the author's memory, without the aid of a concordance or parallel text-book. Her recollection of the words, as well as of the chapter and verse, was verified by others, and was rarely found at fault. Such a thorough

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knowledge of the teachings of the inspired volume is a treasure as invaluable as it is rare.

And it may add to the interest, if not the usefulness of the volume, to accompany it with a brief sketch of the author's character, drawn chiefly from the testimony of those who knew her most intimately.

Miss Allibone was a Christian of the deepest spirituality. One more heavenly-minded is scarcely to be found. Her walk was that of Enoch; her anointing was that of Aaron. It was impossible to be in her chamber many moments without the consciousness that one was in the presence of a believer of extraordinary attainments in holiness. Truly might it be said of her, she was "full

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of faith and of the Holy Ghost"—a monument of divine grace—a vessel of honour, that had been fitted to her Master's use. She was more than a polished stone—she was a pillar in the temple of God, adorned and enriched with all the graces of the Spirit, showing forth the praises of Him who had blessed her with all spiritual blessings.

She was wont to express the comfort she felt in having the merits of the Redeemer to depend on—his blood to cleanse, his righteousness to justify. She had evidently taken her station at the foot of the cross, and rested her hopes of acceptance and of eternal life on the finished work of the Redeemer. She seemed to believe unhesitatingly whatever God had said in his word. There

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was a directness in the going out of her mind to God's truth. She took hold of it as a child would take hold of the words of a faithful parent. She rested upon it; it formed her whole character.

It has often been remarked, that she was never long with others without saying a word for Christ, or showing her interest in their welfare. By word or by letter, by speaking or by writing, by sending a book or a tract, by one way or another, she appeared always employed in leading others to the Saviour.

Her love was not a mountain torrent, dependent for its supply upon the melting snows, or the uncertain rain; now brawling, and foaming, and dashing along with inundating force, and now dried up to a little streamlet, scarce threading its sil-

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very way along the pebbly channel; but a calm, majestic river, fed by unfailing well-springs, flowing on in an ever-widening, ever-deepening current, with no boisterous rapids, no refluent eddies; giving verdure to all its banks, and ever reflecting heaven in its glassy bosom.

Her zeal, too, was a well-directed zeal. She was wonderfully taught by the Holy Spirit how to speak a word in due season. Her conversation was always gentle and willing, and at the same time indicated culture and elegance of mind. She had the faculty of making all her acquirements, and the rich stores of information which she had derived from intercourse with others, tend to the benefit of souls. Hence, she was prepared to meet every variety of character and every condition

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of spirituality. The thoughtless, she warned; the tempted, she encouraged; the wavering, she strove to confirm; the inquiring sinner, she directed; the mourner in Zion and the bruised and sorrowful, she comforted.

Oh, how many will have cause to bless God through eternity for her bright example, her ardent zeal, and earnest prayers! Her's was an active and useful life: it was a summer's sun, which shone early, brightly, beneficently.

For several years after she was confined to her room, she received a class of boys into her chamber every Tuesday for mental and religious instruction; on Thursday, she had a similar class for girls; and on Saturday afternoon, a crowd of children from every rank in life visited her

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room, repeated their previously-assigned verses or texts of Scripture, listened to the interesting narrative or instructive anecdote, and then kneeled, while she sought a blessing on their young hearts. One who knew her most intimately, says: "Few in the full tide of physical power would have more incessantly yielded to the demands upon her time and thought, than she felt constrained to do by the master-principle of her soul. A half-finished letter, an attractive book, and (dearest and most prized of all) a season of quiet devotion, must be interrupted if a person, however uninteresting,—a little child even,—desired to see her about the state of their immortal souls. Thus has she been a living epistle, a daily reprover to the self-indulgent Christian, working

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while it was day, fearful that the night of death might cast its eternal shadow upon the unreconciled in heart."

She was pre-eminently a cheerful Christian. She was a constant witness to all who saw her that it is a happiness, and not a burden, to serve God: that his "commandments are not grievous;" that the ways of religion are ways of pleasantness, and its paths, paths of peace. She was like a sunbeam—bright herself, and making others bright. Of her apartment the same friend observes: "It was the brightest spot on earth. Blooming flowers and singing birds and rippling waters could not have produced upon the mind such impressions of softened delight as a visit to that chamber, which contained a Christian, so long afflicted

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with physical suffering, and yet in the midst of all so patient, so cheerful, so happy. Oh, how often have I stood lingering upon the threshold of that room—after the parting word had been spoken—reluctant to leave a scene over which even angels, on their errands of love, must have paused with admiring joy!"

When, at the incipient stage of her disease, her physician told her that she might have to suffer for several months before she would get relief, she replied: "I do not contemplate the future with dread or anxiety. If suffering and privation become conducive to my spiritual welfare, I should rather pray that they may be tenfold increased, than in the smallest degree mitigated."

To a friend she writes, "I come all

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the time to Jesus as a poor helpless sinner,—and as one whom his mother comforteth, so he comforts me; I bring to him the pain and weariness of an almost exhausted frame, and realize that we have not an high-priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and experience confirms my hope that he will never leave nor forsake me." And thus, all along her pathway until she entered the celestial city, we find her erecting these memorial pillars of God's mercy and her resignation.

When at the last she began to fail, she hailed each symptom of decay as a token of God's gracious intention to take her to himself in glory; she felt that at length the time of her going home had come, and each passing hour gave evi-

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dence of the increasing brilliancy of her hope, and the growing strength of her faith.

To recount the hundred jewelled thoughts which she uttered, and which her many friends will ever retain in memory's casket, would be impossible. Next to prayer, her chief delight was to repeat, and hear repeated, texts of Scripture. Her soul was an hungered and athirst after this bread of life and water of life; and she fed upon God's word with an avidity which showed the insatiable cravings of her heart. To one of her cousins, she said: "I cannot desire, with Archbishop Leighton, to die at an inn; *I* should love to leave for heaven, surrounded by my friends. If I did not *know* in whom I have believed, my dying pillow

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would be thorny. I feel no anxiety, no doubt. I am perfectly safe in Christ. I have a certain confidence, though I constantly ask to be kept from presumption. How Christ is dishonoured by doubts and fears!" To one of her aunts, who stood watching her intense suffering, she remarked: "I am very happy; I feel that Jesus is with me. I have no strength, no energy; he is my all and in all." When allusion was made to her expected dissolution, she replied: "I have not yet received permission to pass over Jordan. I am just waiting, you know, until it comes; but," she added, with loving emphasis, "my friends want to accompany me as far as possible into the stream."

"Never shall I forget (says her pastor)

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my last interview with her in that chamber of death. Her radiant smile—her calm, yet heavenly joy—her words of peace and comfort—her felicitous quotations from the Bible—the unearthly elevation of her thoughts—her waiting posture for the expected summons—her glowing love to the Redeemer, and her perfect assurance of entering into the joy of her Lord, made an impression upon my mind too deeply graven for time to obliterate. I will not attempt to describe that death-scene. She died magnifying Jesus, and at about twelve o'clock on Friday noon, the twenty-second of September, (1854,) her ransomed soul 'passed through glory's morning gate, and walked in paradise.'"

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"Gently, peacefully, *luminously*, her bright spirit set in death.

"As sets the morning star,
Which goes not down behind the darkened West,
Nor hides obscured, midst tempests of the sky,
But *melts away unto the light of heaven.*"

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PSALM CXIX.

ILLUSTRATED BY THE SCRIPTURES.

ALEPH.

1 BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful:

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. *Psalm* i. 1–3.

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. *James* i. 21, 22.

O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is

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the Spirit of the Lord straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly? *Micah* ii. 7.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him. *Ezra* viii. 22.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. *Psalm* ciii. 17, 18.

My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. *Num.* xiv. 24.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Every man that has this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1 *John* iii. 3.

He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. 1 *John* ii. 6.

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4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. 1 *John* v. 3.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners the way. *Psalm* xxv. 8.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. *Psalm* lxxxvi. 11.

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. *Rom.* viii. 1.

Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. *Phil.* iv. 9.

Now the end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned. 1 *Tim.* i. 5.

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7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. *Psalm* xxxii. 11.

The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory. *Psalm* lxiv. 10.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. *Psalm* xcvii. 11.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me; for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the Lord.

And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. *Jer.* xxx. 21, 22.

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BETH.

9 Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 *Tim.* iii. 16, 17.

I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. 1 *John* ii. 14.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. *Jer.* xxix. 13.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall.

But they that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. *Isa.* xl. 30, 31.

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I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer my foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even forevermore. *Psalm* 121.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. *Psalm* xxxvii. 31.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord

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Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. *Eph.* i. 3.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me unto the land of uprightness. *Psalm* cxliii. 10.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up. *Deut.* vi. 7.

I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts; and I will declare thy greatness.

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They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. *Psalm* cxlv. 1–7.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches..

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold. *Psalm* xiv. 10.

Wisdom is better than rubies: and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. *Prov.* viii. 11.

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom; and apply thine heart to understanding;

Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. *Prov.* ii. 1–5.

15 I will mediate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and

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night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. *Josh.* i. 8.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

In God will I praise his word: in the Lord will I praise his word. *Psalm* lvi. 10.

GIMEL.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. *Col.* i. 9, 10.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of

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the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. *Heb.* xiii. 20, 21.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. *Eph.* i. 18.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures. *Luke* xxiv. 45.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 *Cor.* iv. 6.

19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and con-

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fessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. *Heb.* xi. 13.

Dearly beloved, I beseech you, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul. 1 *Pet.* ii. 11.

20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. *Psalm* xlii. 1.

I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that

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I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. *Phil.* iii. 8–14.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud which are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

Thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased, the golden city ceased!

The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.

The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

Yea, the fir-trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

Hell from beneath is moved for thee, to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for

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thee, even all the chief ones of the earth: it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us?

Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms:

That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof: that opened not the house of his prisoners?

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All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evil-doers shall never be renowned.

Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

For I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the Lord.

I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the Lord of hosts.

The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand. *Isa.* xiv. 4–24.

Upon a set day, Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

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And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. *Acts* xii. 21–23.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

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Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

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But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him. *Psalm* xxxvii.

23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this shall I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

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And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord, &c. &c. *Psalm* xxvii.

24 Thy testimonies also are my delight, and my counsellors.

I delight in the law of God, after the inward man. *Rom.* vii. 22.

DALETH.

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

I thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom.* vii. 23–25.

26 I have declared my ways, and

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thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John* i. 9.

I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm* xxxii. 5.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they who do his commandments: his praise endureth forever. *Psalm* cxi. 10.

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. *Prov.* xvi. 1.

28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen

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thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. *Isa.* xli. 10, 13.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. *John* xiv. 18.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 2 *Cor.* i. 3, 4.

Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. 2 *Thess.* ii. 16, 17.

29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. *Psalm* li. 6.

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Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

For my mouth shall speak truth: and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. *Prov.* viii. 6, 7.

30 I have chosen the way of truth; thy judgments have I laid before me.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power. *Psalm* cx. 3.

Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself. 1 *Kings* ii. 3.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. *Psalm* xxv. 10.

Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

And the rain descended, and the floods came,

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and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. *Matt.* vii. 24, 25.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. *Phil.* ii. 13.

I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. *Eph.* iii. 14–19.

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33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1 *Thess.* v. 23, 24.

The anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 1 *John* ii. 27.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

The Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. *Prov.* ii. 6, 7.

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If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. *James* i. 5.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. *Psalm* xxxvii. 4.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. *Psalm* lxxxix. 15, 16.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. *Jer.* xxiv. 7.

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new

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spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. *Ezek.* xxxvi. 25–27.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Draw me, we will run after thee. *Sol. Song* i. 4.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. *Psalm* lxv. 4.

38 Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. 2 *Thess.* iii. 3.

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. *Phil.* i. 6

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39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? 1 *Pet.* iii. 13.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. *Psalm* lxxxi. 10.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *Matt.* v. 6.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. *Psalm* xvii. 15.

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41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an ever-

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lasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. *Isa.* lv. 3.

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,

To give light to them who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke* i. 77–79.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. *Psalm* cxxx. 7.

42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation from generation to generation. *Isa.* li. 7, 8.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is

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even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. *Rom.* viii. 34.

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. 1 *Pet.* iii. 15.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. *Psalm* xxv. 20, 21.

The hope of the righteous shall be gladness. *Prov.* x. 28.

Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him. *Isa.* xxx. 18.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually forever and ever.

According to my earnest expectation, and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that

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with all boldness, as always, so now also, Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. *Phil.* i. 20.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. *Jude* 24, 25.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. *John* viii. 32, 36.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thy hand.

Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a

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huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the Lord, he delivered them into thy hand. 2 *Chron.* xvi. 7, 8.

Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known unto him the interpretation.

O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts', and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men,

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and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;

But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified.

Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. *Dan.* v. 17–28.

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. *Rom.* i. 16.

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47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. *Psalm* v. 11.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. *Psalm* cxii. 1.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels. *Prov.* i. 5.

My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman. *Prov.* vii. 1–4.

Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching

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daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. *Prov.* viii. 34.

ZAIN.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

The word of the Lord is tried. *Psalm* xviii. 30.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. *Psalm* cxliii. 1.

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us. *Heb.* vi. 18.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law. *Psalm* xciv. 12.

Wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it. *Eccl.* vii. 12.

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51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 *Tim.* iii. 12.

So is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. 1 *Pet.* ii. 15.

52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord: and have comforted myself.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. *Psalm* cxliii. 5.

Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. *James* v. 10, 11.

53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

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The princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. *Ezra* ix. 1–3.

When the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul,

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heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you, that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein. *Acts* xiv. 11–15.

54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous. *Psalm* cxviii. 15.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. *Heb.* xi. 13, 14.

55 I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law.

Yet the Lord will command his loving kindness in the day-time, and in the night his song shall

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be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. *Psalm* xlii. 8.

At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. *Acts* xvi. 25.

56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. *John* xiv. 21, 23.

CHETH.

57 Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words.

My beloved is mine, and I am his. *Sol. Song* ii. 16.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. *Lam.* iii. 24.

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Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever. *Psalm* lxxiii. 25, 26.

58 I entreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

He (Moses) said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory.

And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. *Ex.* xxxiii. 18, 19.

And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. *Ex.* xxxiv. 6, 7.

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59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions, &c. *Psalm* li.

Unto you first, God having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. *Acts* iii. 26.

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgivness of sins. *Acts* v. 31.

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. *Titus* ii. 14.

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. *John* xiii. 17.

61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.

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My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. *Prov.* viii. 18, 19.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. *Psalm* lxiii. 5, 6.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it: and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. *Mal.* iii. 16.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;

But to thy saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight. *Psalm* xvi. 2, 3.

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We know that we have passed from death unto life; because we love the brethren. 1 *John* iii. 14.

64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

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Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul. *Psalm* ciii.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty:

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever.

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O Lord how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

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The glory of the Lord shall endure forever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

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Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord. *Psalm* civ.

TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according unto thy word.

Ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof. *Josh.* xxiii. 14.

Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. 1 *Kings* viii. 56.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:

To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morn-

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ing, and thy faithfulness every night. *Psalm* xcii. 1, 2.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. *Neh.* ix. 20.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. *Psalm* xxv. 12.

I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. *Psalm* xxxii. 8.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word.

I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin. *Isa.* i. 25.

No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it

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yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. *Heb.* xii. 11.

68 Thou art good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes.

Do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me. *Psalm* cix. 21.

Thus saith the Lord thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. *Isa.* xlviii. 17.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man; thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. *Psalm* xxxi. 19, 20.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.

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Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. *Psalm* xx. 7.

Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

But I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. *Psalm* lii. 7, 8.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him. *Eccl.* vii. 14.

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. *Heb.* xii. 6.

72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting, get understanding. *Prov.* iv. 7.

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The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. *Matt.* xiii. 44.

JOD.

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

Bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. *Isa.* xliii. 6, 7.

Thus saith the Lord that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring. *Isa.* xliv. 2, 3.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ

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Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. *Eph.* ii. 10.

74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

When the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii-forum, and The Three Taverns; whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage. *Acts* xxviii. 15.

Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. *Rom.* xv. 2.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 2 *Cor.* i. 3, 4.

From whom (Christ) the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. *Eph.* iv. 16.

75 I know, O Lord, that thy judg-

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ments are right, and that thou in faithfulness, hast afflicted me.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. *Deut.* xxxii. 4.

He will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God. *Job* xxxiv. 23.

If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. *Psalm* lxxxix. 30–33.

As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. *Rev.* iii. 19.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. *Isa.* lxvi. 13.

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To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him. *Dan.* ix. 9.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. *John* xiv. 18.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee. *Psalm* xxxiii. 22.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. *Jude* 20, 21.

78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. *Psalm* xxxi. 18.

Whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. *Prov.* i. 33.

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79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

Iron sharpeneth iron: so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. *Prov.* xxvii. 9, 17.

Love the brotherhood. 1 *Pet.* ii. 17.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you;

To the end he may stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. 1 *Thess.* iii. 12, 13.

And now, little children, abide in him; that when he shall appear we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming 1 *John* ii. 28.

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81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord. *Psalm* xxxi. 24.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy. *Psalm* xxxiii. 18.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.

For I have satisfied the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. *Jer.* xxxi. 14, 25.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. *Lam.* iii. 25, 26.

83 For I am become like a bottle

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in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.

My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass. *Psalm* cii. 11.

As dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and not killed;

As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. 2 *Cor.* vi. 9, 10.

84 How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. 1 *Chron.* xxix. 15.

My days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey. *Job* ix. 25, 26.

My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. *Psalm* xxxi. 15.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. *Psalm* xc. 12.

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85 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.

They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. *Psalm* lvii. 6.

86 All thy commandments are faithful; they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. *Psalm* xci. 4.

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. *Titus* i. 9.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.

When they (the elders of the church of Ephesus) were come to him, (Paul,) he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

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Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying, that bonds and afflictions abide me.

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. *Acts* xx. 18–24.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus. 2 *Tim.* ii. 3.

88 Quicken me after thy loving-kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

The Lord give thee wisdom and understanding,

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and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God.

Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the Lord charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. 1 *Chron.* xxii. 12, 13.

Turn you at my reproof; behold I will pour out my Spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. *Prov.* i. 23.

Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits. *Sol. Song* iv. 16.

LAMED.

89 Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. *Psalm* xxxiii. 11.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonder-

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ful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. *Isa.* xxv. 1.

90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. *Deut.* vii. 9.

Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. *Neh.* ix. 6.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease. *Gen.* viii. 22.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

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Praise him, ye heaven of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also established them forever and ever; he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps:

Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word. *Psalm* cxlviii. 3–8.

92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. *Psalm* xxvii. 13.

Whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. *Rom.* xv. 4.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

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For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. *Prov.* iv. 20, 22.

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life. *Prov.* vi. 23.

I know that his commandment is life everlasting. *John* xii. 50.

94 I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

And commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. 2 *Chron.* xiv. 4.

Know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. *Psalm* iv. 3.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. *Psalm* xxiv. 3–6.

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95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. *Prov.* xix. 23.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

I have seen all the works that are done under the sun: and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. *Eccl.* i. 14.

Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness. *Eccl.* ii. 13.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea than

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much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. *Psalm* xix. 7–11.

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97 Oh how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Through desire, a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom. *Prov.* xviii. 1.

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 1 *Tim.* iv. 15.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lord understand all things. *Prov.* xxviii. 5.

The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken; lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them? *Jer.* viii. 9.

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Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. *Jer.* ix. 23, 24.

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than

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men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called:

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

That no flesh should glory in his presence.

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. 1 *Cor.* i. 19–31.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city. *Eccl.* viii. 19.

We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might

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know the things that are freely given to us of God. 1 *Cor.* ii. 12.

I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. *Gal.* i. 12.

100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. *Prov.* ix. 10.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. *Matt.* vi. 22.

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. *John* vii. 17.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. *Prov.* iv. 26.

Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. *Acts* xxiv. 16.

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102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord: My Spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever. *Isa.* lix. 21.

It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. *John* vi. 45.

Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come. *Acts* xxvi. 22.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honey-comb, which is sweet to thy taste: So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy

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soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off. *Prov.* xxiv. 13, 14.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts. *Jer.* xv. 16.

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. *John* xvii. 17.

The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. *James* iii. 17.

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105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. *Psalm* xliii. 3.

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To the law and to the testimonies: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. *Isa.* viii. 20.

106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

The king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all their heart, and with all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant. 2 *Kings* xxiii. 3.

And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;

They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and his judgments, and his statutes. *Neh.* x. 28, 29.

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Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God. *Psalm* lxxvi. 11.

When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. *Eccl.* v. 4, 5.

107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. *Psalm* lxxi. 3, 20.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,

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and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn. *Isa.* lxi. 1, 2.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will-offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. *Psalm* lxix. 30, 31.

Many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. *Micah* iv. 2.

By him (Christ) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. *Heb.* xiii. 15.

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should

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shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 *Pet.* ii. 5, 9.

109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. *Dan.* vi. 10.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thy hand, O king.

But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. *Dan.* iii. 17, 18.

They (the rulers) called them, and commanded them not to speak at all, nor teach in the name of Jesus.

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But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God, to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye,

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. *Acts* iv. 18–20.

The angel of the Lord by night opened the prison-doors, and brought them (the apostles) forth, and said,

Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high-priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened we found no man within.

Now when the high-priest, and the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

Then came one and told them, saying, Behold,

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the men whom ye put in prison, are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high-priest asked them,

Saying, Did not we strictly command you, that ye should not teach in this name? and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. *Acts* v. 19–29.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I led in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. *Prov.* viii. 20, 21.

Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure. *Isa.* xxxiii. 6.

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112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

Thy servant (Solomon) is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? 1 *Kings* iii. 8, 9.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. *John* viii. 31.

Thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

That thou keep this commandment without

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spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 *Tim.* iv. 11–14.

SAMECH.

113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 *Cor.* v. 17.

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 *Cor.* x. 4, 5.

114 Thou art my hiding-place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out

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the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places. *Deut.* xxxiii. 12, 27, 29.

Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. *Prov.* xxix. 25.

115 Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which was at Jerusalem: *Ezra* v. 2.

[Tatnai the governor writes to King Darius to prevent it; Darius answers,]

Now therefore, Tatnai, (and others,) be ye far from thence.

Let this work of this house of God alone.

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Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of

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the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not hindered.

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And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes, king of Persia.

And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. *Ezra* vi. 6–15.

I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? *Neh.* vi. 3.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide. *Psalm* xxvi. 1.

My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me. *Psalm* lxiii. 8.

I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

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Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. *Psalm* lxxiii. 23, 24.

Thou shalt know that I am the Lord; for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me. *Isa.* xlix. 23.

I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and none is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. *John* x. 28, 29.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Thou hast delivered my soul from death: will not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living? *Psalm* lvi. 13.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Which holdeth our soul in life and suffereth not our feet to be moved. *Psalm* lxvi. 8, 9.

Surely, shall one say, In the Lord have I righteousness and strength! *Isa.* xlv. 24.

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118 Thou hast trodden down all them that do err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

Samuel also said unto Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord.

And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. 1 *Sam.* xv. 1, 26.

Then said Saul unto his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through and abuse me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell upon it.

And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. 1 *Sam.* xxxi. 4, 5.

So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. *Esth.* vii. 10.

A certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

And kept back part of the price, (his wife also

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being privy to it,) and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

And Ananias hearing these words, fell down, and gave up the ghost. And great fear came on all them that heard these things.

And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and

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yielded up the ghost. And the young men came in, and found her dead, and carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. *Acts* v. 1–10.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

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And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil: my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, mine hand shall destroy them.

Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand; the earth swallowed them.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold

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upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O Lord, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them: but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. *Ex.* xv. 1–19.

They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn. *Job* xxiv. 24.

Behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. *Mal.* iv. 1.

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120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humblest thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the Lord. 2 *Chron.* xxxiv. 27.

To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. *Isa.* lxvi. 2.

I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

And behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands,

And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto

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thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. *Dan.* x. 8–11.

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121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness. 1 *Sam.* ii. 9.

He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. *Isa.* xxxiii. 15, 16.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I

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will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him. *Psalm* xii. 5.

Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord. *Isa.* liv. 15, 17.

I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee, to hurt thee. *Acts* xviii. 10.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; and shall

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set us in the way of his steps. *Psalm* lxxxv. 9–13.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. *Lam.* iii. 25.

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. *Hosea* x. 12.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. *Psalm* lxxxix. 14.

I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God. *Hosea* ii. 19, 23.

125 I am thy servant; give me un-

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derstanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

He (Solomon) said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart. 1 *Kings* viii. 23.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. *Psalm* xc. 16.

126 It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.

Have respect unto thy covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually. *Psalm* lxxiv. 20, 23.

Sennacherib, king of Assyria, invades Israel twice; the first time hears a rumour and returns; the second time his army is destroyed by an angel. *Isa.* xxxvi. and xxxvii.

127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

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How much better is it to get wisdom than
and to get understanding, rather to be chosen than
silver! *Prov.* xvi. 16.

128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments. *Neh.* ix. 13.

I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

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He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord. *Psalm* ci.

This I pray, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ. *Phil.* i. 9, 10.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. *Phil.* iv. 8.

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129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep. *Psalm* xxxvi. 6.

Who is wise, and he shall understand these

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things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them. *Hosea* xiv. 9.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

In that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. *Isa.* xxix. 18, 19.

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. *Luke* x. 21.

As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. 1 *Peter* ii. 2.

131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

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He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. *Psalm* cvii. 9.

Understanding is a well-spring of life unto him that hath it. *Prov.* xvi. 22.

With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. *Isa.* xii. 3.

132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words. *Deut.* xxxiii. 3.

Remember me, O Lord, with favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance. *Psalm* cvi. 4, 5.

133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. *Psalm* xxiii. 3.

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See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *Psalm* cxxxix. 24.

All people will walk every one in the name of his God, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever. *Micah* iv. 5.

134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. *Isa.* liv. 14.

That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. *Luke* i. 74, 75.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

There be many that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. *Psalm* iv. 6.

Unto you that fear my name, shall the Sun of

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righteousness arise with healing in his wings. *Mal.* iv. 2.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. *John* viii. 12.

136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night. 1 *Sam.* xv. 11.

O that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! *Jer.* ix. 1.

If ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the Lord's flock is carried away captive. *Jer.* xiii. 17.

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137 Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.

Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice. *Job* xxxvii. 23.

Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee? *Psalm* lxxi. 19.

138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

The word of the Lord is right, and all his works are done in truth. *Psalm* xxxiii. 4.

They sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. *Rev.* xv. 3.

139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

He (Elijah) said, I have been very jealous for

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the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 1 *Kings* xix. 10.

I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsman according to the flesh. *Rom.* ix. 1–3.

140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. *Psalm* xii. 6.

Every word of God is pure. *Prov.* xxx. 5.

141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. *Psalm* cxv. 13.

Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which

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is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. *Matt.* xii. 50.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth forever.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. *Psalm* cxi. 3, 7, 8.

143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. *Psalm* xciv. 19.

Ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost. 1 *Thess.* i. 6.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

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With thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. *Psalm* xxxvi. 9.

The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generation. *Psalm* c. 5.

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. *Prov.* xiv. 27.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. *Dan.* ix. 24.

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145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes.

He (Saul) trembling, and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

And the Lord said unto him, (Ananias) Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight,

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and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth. *Acts* ix. 6, 11.

Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. *Heb.* x. 22.

146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine. *Psalm* xxxiii. 18, 19.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. *Psalm* cxlv. 18, 19.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him, until the breaking of the day.

And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh:

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and he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God, and with men, and hast prevailed. *Gen.* xxxii. 24, 26, 28.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up *Psalm* v. 3.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. *Psalm* cxxx. 6.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. *Psalm* cxxxix. 17, 18.

148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. *Sol. Song* v. 2.

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With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early. *Isa.* xxvi. 9.

Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of Israel. *Isa.* xxx. 29.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy loving-kindness: O Lord, quicken me according to thy judgment.

What nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for. *Deut.* iv. 7.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. *Isa.* xxx. 19.

God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ; (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places, in Christ Jesus:

That in the ages to come he might show the

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exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus. *Eph.* ii. 4–7.

150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his Anointed, saying,

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. *Psalm* ii. 1–3.

Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God. *Psalm* liii. 4.

Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? *Psalm* xciv. 20.

151 Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are true.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near, thy wondrous works declare. *Psalm* lxxv. 1.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and

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praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. *Psalm* cxxxviii. 2.

152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them forever.

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? *Num.* xxiii. 19.

I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. *Isa.* xlvi. 9, 10.

Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. *James* i. 17.

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153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

The Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows:

And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land, unto a good land, and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. *Ex.* iii. 7, 8.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. *Job* v. 19.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities. *Psalm* xxxi. 7.

154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of

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the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. *Isa.* xxv. 4.

I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. *Jer.* xxix. 11.

They shall come and sing in the heights of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. *Jer.* xxxi. 12, 13.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. *Psalm* x. 4.

Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. *John* v. 40.

156 Great are thy tender mercies, O

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Lord: quicken me according to thy judgments.

I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them, according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses. *Isa.* lxiii. 7.

I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. *Hosea* xiv. 5–7.

157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines,

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and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia, and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. *Acts* vi. 8–10.

And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judah a certain prophet, named Agabus.

And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep, and break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. *Acts* xxi. 10–13.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

The Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and

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set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and woman: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark. *Ezek.* ix. 4–6.

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. *Acts* xvii. 16.

(God) delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.) 2 *Peter* ii. 7, 8.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy loving-kindness.

Showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments. *Ex.* xx. 6.

Since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the

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eye seen, O God, besides thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. *Isa.* lxiv. 4, 5.

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee. *Jer.* xxxi. 3.

Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected. 1 *John* ii. 5.

160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

The truth of the Lord endureth forever. *Psalm* cxvii. 2.

(The God of Jacob) which keepeth truth forever. *Psalm* cxlvi. 6.

I know, that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. *Eccl.* iii. 14.

Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the

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mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old. *Micah* vii. 20.

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161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. *Prov.* xiv. 26.

Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

But this I confess unto thee, that after the way

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which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets. *Acts* xxiv. 10–14.

Paul's defence before Agrippa. *Acts* xxvi.

161 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

Where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or sapphire.

The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. *Job.* xxviii. 12–19.

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By knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. *Prov.* xxiv. 4.

163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. *Rom.* xii. 9.

(We) have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty; not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but, by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 2 *Cor.* iv. 2.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee, because of thy righteous judgments.

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. *Psalm* xxxiv. 1.

Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments. *Psalm* xlviii. 11.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever:

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with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. *Psalm* lxxxix. 1.

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? *Job.* xxxiv. 29.

The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. *Isa.* xxxii. 17.

All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. *Isa.* liv. 13.

166 Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Teaching us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Titus* ii. 11–13.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will

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that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. *Titus* iii. 8.

A man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. *James* ii. 18.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

Enoch walked with God. *Gen.* v. 24.

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting-house, and his banner over me was love. *Sol. Song* ii. 3, 4.

Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

What then? shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid!

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants

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of sin; but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. *Rom.* vi. 14–18.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies; for all my ways are before thee.

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. 2 *Chron.* xvi. 9.

Thou compasseth my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. *Psalm* cxxxix. 3.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 1 *John* iii. 21.

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169 Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. *Isa.* xxx. 21.

Call unto me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

I will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. *Jer.* xxxiii. 3, 6.

170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

It shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. *Joel.* ii. 32.

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee

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with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. *Zeph.* iii. 17.

Another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. *Rev.* viii. 3, 4.

171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. *Psalm* xcvi. 9.

Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. *Hosea* xiv. 2.

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day: for I know not the numbers thereof.

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I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only. *Psalm* lxxi. 15, 16.

Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee? *Prov.* xxii. 20, 21.

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? *Micah* vi. 8.

173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people. *Ex.* xix. 5.

He (Jesus) entered into a certain village: and a certain woman, named Martha, received him into her house.

And she had a sister named Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

But Martha was cumbered about much serving,

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and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

And Jesus answered, and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful, and troubled about many things:

But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. *Luke* x. 38–42.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord! *Gen.* xlix. 18.

Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure; for this is all my salvation and all my desire, although he make it not to grow. 2 *Sam.* xxiii. 5.

Behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

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And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. *Luke* ii. 25–32.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

Your heart shall live forever. *Psalm* xxii. 26.

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain,

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as the latter and former rain unto the earth. *Hosea* vi. 1–3.

He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. *Mal.* iii. 3.

We faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 *Cor.* iv. 16–18.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isa.* liii. 6.

I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning him-

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self thus: Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the Lord my God. *Jer.* xxxi. 18.

The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. *Luke* xix. 10.

For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. 1 *Peter* ii. 25.

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